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(Legislative day of Monday, March 6, 1995)

The Senate met at 10 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the Acting President pro tempore [Mr. ASHCROFT].

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Dr. Richard C. Halverson, the beloved Chaplain of the Senate for the past 14 years, pastor to Senators and staff, and former pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Bethesda, MD, will lead us in the invocation.

Dr. Halverson.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Richard C. Halverson, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*—Romans 8:28.

Eternal God, Ruler of history, Governor of the nations, we are unspeakably grateful for the political system inherited from those who founded this Nation. We thank Thee for their faith in a Creator God, the equality of all humans, and the conviction that the Creator endowed His creatures with inalienable rights which Government was to secure, receiving its authority from the consent of the governed.

In a day of instantaneous communication universally, the words and actions of national leadership are observed by the people as they are being said and done—instantly. Not uncommonly, they are misunderstood, or seen and heard out of context, which breeds misunderstanding, anger, and cynicism.

Mighty God, encourage Your servants to recover the vision of our founders, to seek wisdom from the Scriptures, and the guidance of God. May Thy blessing rest upon every person who labors so tirelessly in this vortex of rapid information through press, radio, and television. Cover their fami-

lies with Your grace and love and protection, and remind them as often as necessary that, though they sought their office, their position has been ordained of God.

Gracious Father, thank you for the privilege of serving Your servants for all these years.

In the name of Jesus, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### RECESS

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess for 2 minutes.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 10:04 a.m., recessed until 10:08 a.m.; whereupon, the Senate reassembled when called to order by the Acting President pro tempore.

### RICHARD C. HALVERSON, SENATE CHAPLAIN

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, as the Acting President pro tempore noted, today marks the end of Dr. Richard Halverson's 14 years as Chaplain of the Senate.

Some people say that the Senate Chaplain has one of the best jobs in Washington. After all, whenever he speaks, all Senators are quiet. And that is a luxury we do not extend to anybody else.

I joined with many Senators in saluting Dr. Halverson when he announced his retirement last year. But I wish to take a minute this morning to once again thank Dr. Halverson for his service, his dedication, and his friendship. He should also be thanked for his pa-

tience and for agreeing to stay on for many months while we searched for someone to fill his shoes. And we look forward to Dr. Ogilvie's first official day as Chaplain on Monday.

I know that all Senators join me in wishing Dr. Halverson and his wife, Doris, many, many more years of health and happiness.

Several Senators addressed the Chair.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Oklahoma.

### CONGRATULATING DR. HALVERSON

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I join with the majority leader in congratulating Dr. Halverson for his 14-plus years of service to the U.S. Senate, not only to the Senate as a body but to each and every Member of this group of Senators, and also to each and every member of the entire Capitol complex. I have had the pleasure of watching, working with, and worshiping with Dr. Halverson, and in his presence he emanates love. He emanates love in his actions, in his words, and by his presence. He has been a mentor to me and countless others, but also to our staffs and to the elevator operators and to the interns and to the pages. He has shown his love by his actions, and we have really been blessed by his presence. For his years of service we are very grateful. Many of us are eternally grateful, and we thank him for that.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Alabama.

### TRIBUTE TO THE REVEREND RICHARD C. HALVERSON

Mr. HEFLIN. Mr. President, our Senate Chaplain, Dr. Richard C. Halverson, our dear friend, is retiring today and has delivered his last official prayer. He has been a great Chaplain. During his tenure, Dr. Halverson has proved himself over and over again, not only to be a comforting spiritual guide but also a wonderful friend and adviser to

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